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A GNWT Newsletter for the Northwest Territories Arts Community
Expression of the arts—a vital link to our culture and history

Northwest Territories

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Snowking's Winter Festival

The snow has been flying and the Snowking's thirteenth castle is expected to be bigger and better than ever. Each weekend throughout March, the Snowking will feature special events such as the Dog Film Festival, art shows and displays and let us not forget the Snowking's Royal Ball. Be sure to dress warm!

Where: Yellowknife Bay, Yellowknife, NT
When: March 1—31, 2008
For more information visit: www.snowking.ca/

Beavertail Jamboree

The Coolest Celebration in the Dehcho! Good times for the whole family, including many activities such as art workshops, traditional games and races, exhibitions, dances and live music.

Where: Fort Simpson, NT
When: March 2-6, 2008
Ph: (867) 695-3300

2008 Arctic Winter Games Cultural Festival

The Arctic Winter Games (AWG) is not only a sports competition for northern and arctic athletes, the AWG is also a celebration of arts and culture.

The 2008 AWG will include a fully developed program of performing and visual arts, film, photography and fashion that celebrates the circumpolar gathering of many different languages, traditions, dances, music and sports.

Performing Arts Galas, March 13 - 14, 2008
Northern Arts and Cultural Centre (NACC)

Lunchtime Cultural Stages
NACC, Tree of Peace Friendship Centre, The Baker Centre
March 10 – March 12 at 12:00 (Noon)– 1:00 pm

Mural Exhibition
Legislative Assembly: Great Hall
March 10 – March 14m, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Circumpolar Visual Arts Exhibition
Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre
March 10 – March 14, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

The Art of the Spectator
March 13 – March 15, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

2008 AWG Arctic Bazaar
Elks Hall
March 12, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Circumpolar Film Festival Program
Northern United Place
March 10 – March 14, 11:30 pm – 8:30pm

Photography Arts Exhibition
Greenstone Building
March 10 – March 15, 10:00 am – 5:00pm

Festival Fashion Show
Tree of Peace Friendship Centre
March 9 at 10:00 pm (Limited Seating)

For more information about AWG Cultural Program events visit:
www.awg2008.ca

For Artists, Art Retailers and Organizations
The Northwest Territories Arts Branding Logo is available to help market your creations. For more information:

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Visit: www.nwtarts.com
email: nwtarts@gov.nt.ca
or call: (867) 873-7227

The Tree of Peace—Talent Show and Dance

Stars from throughout the NWT travel from afar to attend this annual event to compete in fiddling, singing, and singles jigging contests, dance and more.

Where: Explorer Hotel , Yellowknife, NT
When: Friday, March 28, 2008
Ph: (867) 873-2864, Attn: Joe

Wood Buffalo Frolics

Enjoy traditional winter activities and family fun! Festivities include a talent show, fiddling and jigging, northern games, a kid's carnival and more.

Where: Fort Smith, NT
When: March 13-16, 2008
Ph: (867) 872-4732

Snow Sculpture Contest

Join in the fun and challenge your creativity by entering into this annual Snow Sculpture contest.

Where: Fort Resolution, NT
When: March 21—23, 2008
Ph: (867) 394-4541 Attn: Vanessa

Muskrat Jamboree

Traditional events that include muskrat skinning, snowshoe races, log sawing, tea boiling, traditional dog racing, snowmobile races, a parade, harpoon throw, kid's carnival and pancake breakfast.

Where: Inuvik, NT
When: March 28—31, 2008
Ph: (867) 777-4475, Attn: Roy

A Festival of Stories

The first storytelling festival ever held in the NWT. Featuring local, territorial and national storytellers.

Reserved seating only.

Where: The Northern Arts and Cultural Centre, Yellowknife, NT
When: May 29 – June 2, 2008
Ph: (867) 766-6101

Yellowknife Guild of Arts and Crafts Spring Sale

The Guild will be holding their annual Spring Sale. Don't miss out on hand-made pottery, batique, stained glass and fibre art. A show preview will be held on Friday, April 25th from 7:00—9:00 pm.

Where: St. Patrick's School (Auditorium), Yellowknife, NT
When: Saturday April 26, 2008
For more information visit: www.ykguild.nt.ca

Artists In the Park—Ivvavik National Park

2008 Artists in the Park Project, Ivvavik National Park, Yukon Parks Canada, Western Arctic will offer their fifth annual Artists in the Park Program from July 2 - 11th, 2008.

Artists in the Park is both a residency and an artistic retreat that allows six artists to travel and stay in Ivvavik National Park in the Yukon.

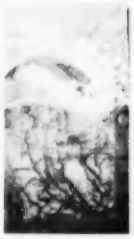
This a professional working opportunity, where artists can explore and experience an Arctic environment. It also provides an opportunity for artists to exchange ideas.

Each participating artist is asked to donate a work of art to Parks Canada. Selection is made on the basis of the contribution the artist can make to Ivvavik National Park through their work.

Deadline to apply is March 14, 2008.

For more information about how to apply,
email: pat.dunn@pc.gc.ca
Phone: (867) 777-7800 or
visit the website at: www.pc.gc.ca/ivvavik

Featured Artist: Marion Storm



Marion Storm has lived in the Northwest Territories for eight years, settling in Fort Simpson with her husband, Dean for the past three years. Storm, originally from Thunder Bay ON, obtained her Honours Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree, Bachelor of Education, and Master of Education degree from Lakehead University. After teaching art for ten years she started her own school, Storm School of Art.

An unfortunate bout with cancer saw the demise of Storm School of Art. After chemo and radiation something inside Storm's 'core' changed. Suddenly the urgency of truly 'living' became of utmost importance. As a result she decided to embark on a soul's exploration, living and painting the Northwest Territories.

Storm's paintings follow her journey like reflections on water, bouncing off feelings morphing into surroundings. Her paintings mark passages from terror and fear at the diagnosis of cancer to celebration and joy of being cancer-free and alive, truly living and experiencing the magic of the Northwest Territories. As a result, her subject matter, people, and places are fused with passion which flows into her own unique style. For more information about Marion Storm, please visit her artist profile on: www.nwtarts.com

Priscilla's Revenge Takes on Toronto

At the end of November, thanks to support from ITI and other members of the community, Yellowknife's own Priscilla's Revenge were able to perform live at one of the largest venues in Canada – Toronto's Rodger's Centre during the Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards (CAMA).

This blues-based band, comprised of Norman Glowach, Greg Nasogaluak and Blair Brezinski, put out their first album "Built for Speed" earlier this year to wild acclaim. It must have been great, as the all-original tunes earned the band CAMA nominations for Best Group or Duo of the Year, and Best Blues Album of the Year.

Up against some pretty stiff competition from over 400 entries, these talented guys were selected as the final three to be recognized in their categories and the band chosen to perform at this year's main stage show in Toronto's Rogers' Centre. While they didn't win, they did have an invaluable opportunity for band members to show their stuff and network with business and musical connections throughout the country and internationally.

Greg, Norm and Blair are certainly not newcomers on the music scene. Each of them were born here in the NWT and bring a long history of Northern music to the group.

Greg, originally from the Tuktoyaktuk area, was the first Inuvialuit person to perform on the main stage at these awards. In past years, his grandparents, Alex and Hope Gordon received Lifetime Achievement Awards for their contributions to Inuvialuit drumming and dancing in 1999. His father, William, also knows the big stage as he opened for Metallica during the Molson Rocks 1995 concert in Tuktoyaktuk.

Norman has worked with groups throughout the Northwest Territories producing albums and saving the North's audio heritage with his privately owned company, Spiritwalker Productions. He has personally been active in the music scene here for over 40 years. Blair Brezinski, bass player extraordinaire, has been a solid bottom end in more bands that we can list.

The guys were excited about the incredible opportunity not only to play their music to those tuning in, but to be able to network with industry representatives who were scouting out the next hot thing. "To have a chance like this to meet these folks face-to-face is everything," said Glowach. "It's not everyday you get an audience of 10,000 for your product." Watch out - you'll hear more from Priscilla's Revenge! To learn more about Priscilla's revenge visit their website at: www.priscillasrevenge.com

We want to hear from you!

If you hear about any upcoming events or celebrations suited for this newsletter, or if you are a NWT artist who is interested in being showcased in our Featured Artist section...

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Visit our website: www.nwtarts.com

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GNWT Programs and Services

This newsletter is created by the Government of the Northwest Territories and is designed to help the NWT arts community stay up to date with the current "happenings" in the industry.

There are two GNWT Departments that have shared interests in supporting the arts – Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) and Education Culture and Employment (ECE). ECE supports the creative aspects of the arts, while ITI's primary role is helping the business side of arts. At times, it is difficult to clearly distinguish these roles.

ECE's Role in Supporting NWT Arts

Since 1985, ECE has supported the NWT Arts Council as it strives to stimulate and promote northern art. The Council's role is to provide recommendations to the Minister of ECE regarding financial awards and workshops. If you would like to apply for funding, please consult the Arts Council website for an application at:

http://pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/artscouncil/

ECE also has a Support to Northern Performers' Program designed to aid in the development and promotion of performing arts and Artists in the NWT at local and regional public festivals and events.

Consult the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre website at: http://pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/programs/index.htm

ITI's Role in Supporting NWT Arts

ITI recognizes the importance of tradition and the economic potential of the NWT arts and fine Crafts industry. ITI's support is provided through the Business Development Fund and Grants to Small Business program. ITI, through the new Branding Logo, also supports marketing and promotional efforts nationally and internationally by bringing awareness to the importance and value of traditional art and fine crafts in the NWT.

http://www.iti.gov.nt.ca/iea/artscrafts/ArtsCrafts.html

To find out about financial assistance...

Contact your regional office:

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Dehcho: (867) 695-7500	Dehcho: (867) 695-7338
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North Slave: (867) 920-8967	North Slave: (867) 766-5100
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